

(b) if so, whether they will issue licence to the other Companies also to import the spare parts in order to avoid any inconvenience caused to the ryots ?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (a).

Steps taken to provide additional Accommodation in Hospitals.

Q.—77. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Yeshwanthpur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the over-crowding in Hospitals specially in the urban parts ;

(b) whether they are aware of the inadequate arrangements for the treatment of both in-patients and out-patients in the Hospitals ;

(c) the steps they propose to take to expand medical facilities to the people ?

A.—Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) To provide additional accommodation, equipment and drugs to the existing hospitals as far as the State Finances permit.

Inauguration of Panchayat Raj in the State.

Q.—79. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Yeshwanthpur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when Panchayat Raj was inaugurated in Mysore State ;

(b) what steps have been taken to implement the Panchayat Raj ;

(c) whether the Government have framed the necessary rules in this

behalf under the Village Panchayat Act ;

(d) whether Secretaries have been appointed for all Village Panchayats in the State ;

(e) whether inspecting and supervisory authorities have been appointed to ensure that the Village Panchayats have been functioning as per the scheme of the Panchayat Raj ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

(a) On 1st November 1959.

(b) Villages under Section 3 of the Act were declared after necessary enquiry, elections to constitute Panchayats all over the State held and 7,450 Panchayats and Town Panchayats have been constituted. 166 Taluk Boards have been constituted. As in the other Taluks the Boards could not be constituted for Channapatna, Bailhongal, Gokak, Soundatti, Ramdurga Taluks on account of Writ Petitions in the High Court. Advisory Committees have been appointed for these Taluks. Only one Taluk, Hirekerur, is under a Special Officer and action is being taken to appoint an Advisory Committee for this Taluk also. District Development Councils have been constituted for all the Districts of the State. The finances due to these bodies have been made available. The local authorities are carrying on their work with the powers conferred on them by the Act. Government are keenly watching their activities and giving advice and direction when needed. To enlarge the scope of work of the Taluk Boards 30 Plan Schemes of different Development Departments have been made over to them for implementation with the finance and personnel sanctioned for these schemes. Open sites in the Goathan area, common lands, public roads and streets, wells with fishing rights, trees, stone and lime quarries, have been vested in the Panchayats. They are also being assisted with grants and loans for building up remunerative assets.

(c) Yes.